

Troopers Arrest Dover Woman for Brandishing Handgun



Shaniqua SAUNDERS

Magnolia – Delaware State Police have arrested a Dover woman for pointing a handgun at another woman and threatening to shoot her, during an argument at a local gas station.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:32 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2017, at the Happy Gas, located at 50 W. Birdie Lane, Magnolia.

While inside the Happy Gas, the victim, a 24 year old Dover woman, became engaged in a verbal altercation with Shaniqua Saunders, 24, also of Dover. After the argument, Saunders exited into the parking lot, with the victim remaining inside the business with an acquaintance, a 37 year old Dover man.

The pair eventually exited the business at which time the

victim was again confronted by Saunders, who was waiting in the parking lot. Another verbal altercation ensued and as Saunders walked towards the victim, she produced a black handgun and pointed it at the victim, threatening to shoot her. The male acquaintance intervened, and was able to disarm Saunders, taking possession of the handgun.

Upon Troopers arriving on scene all parties were still present, and Saunders was taken in to custody without incident. A loaded Ruger LCP 9 mm handgun, was recovered from the scene and positively identified as the weapon possessed by Saunders during the altercation. None of the involved parties were injured as a result of the incident.

Saunders was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3 where she was arrested and formally charged with one count each of: Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Menacing and Reckless Endangering 1st Degree.

Saunders was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court #7 and released after posting \$30,000.00 secured bail.

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